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In re application of

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR APPLYING AN IMPRINT OR LABEL TO AN OBJECT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

2. Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the support belt (5) is deformed over an angle which is between 45° and 90°.

3. Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the label (6) substantially comprises ink and adhesive.

A¹ 4. Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the label (6) is heated when it is applied to an object (2, 20).

5. Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the support belt (5) is deformed in the vicinity of the application head (3), at least the upstream end of the label (6) being clamped between the object (2, 20) which is to be printed and the application head (3) before the support belt (5) is deformed at the downstream end of the label (6).